FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     ECKART JOHN W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [ MUR ]									eck all applic Directo	r		10% Ov	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PEACH STREET P.O. BOX 7000						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2009									below)		tle Other (specify below) dent & Controller		
(Street) EL DORADO AR 71731-7000				00	4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S		(Zip)		<u> </u>									<u> </u>					
Date				2. Trans	action	1	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Trans	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	nt of 6. Ov s Form ally (D) o ollowing (I) (In		Direct I Indirect I tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			Instr. 4)
Common Stock 02/03/						2009		D <sup>(1)</sup>		4,000	) [	)	\$ <mark>0</mark>	12,	023	D			
Common Stock															6,620		I		Trustee, Company Thrift Plan
			Table II -								osed of, converti				Owned	,			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	is Billy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Ni of	umber					
Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/03/2009			A		5,000		(3)		(3)	Commo	n 5	5,000	\$0	16,000	0	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$43.95	02/03/2009			A		20,000		02/03/20	11	02/03/2016	Commo	n 20	0,000	\$0	20,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Restricted Stock issued in 2006 which has been forfeited as a result of the vesting performance conditions not being satisfied.
- 2. Award granted under the 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- 3. These Securities generally do not carry a Conversion Price, Exercisable Date, or Expiration Date

## Remarks:

/s/ Walter K. Compton, 02/05/2009 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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